University Health Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 27th, 2023
Meeting called to order by Chair Ellen Lutz

Present:
Ellen Lutz (Chair, Libraries), George Corey (UHS), Amira Eimansoury (SGA), Lisa Minter (VASCI), Eitan Pery (SGA), Merin Thomas (SWAB), Marckenson Ulysse (SGA)

1) Introduction of Health Council members

2) Meeting Minutes from 9/29/2023
-*Minutes Approved*

3) By-Laws Update
During the May 2023 meeting the Council voted to approve a change of the by-laws in to include the University Health Services Medical Director as a separate position on the Council. This change is reflective of the University decision to separate the UHS Executive Director and Medical Director positions. This will be voted on by the Rules Committee in February.

Ann Becker, a longtime member of the Council, needs a permanent position on the council as her university role has changed. Ellen Lutz proposed that the Council make the Public Health Director an ex-officio position in order to create a position for Ann. This will be voted on at the December meeting.

Questions:

Is the Public Health Director in charge of the School of Public Health, or for the university in general? The Director is in charge of the public health for the university.

Does the Public Health Director work for UHS? No. She works with UHS, and George Corey, the UHS Medical Director supervises the medical aspect.

4) The Faculty Senate Website
The Faculty Senate has launched its updated website, which includes a section for the Health Council. If Council members would like a different photo for their profile, or to have no photo, they can email one of the Faculty Senate graduate assistants to have that change made.

The membership tab of the website is broken down into separate categories. Ellen proposed that the categories be modified to have faculty members, staff members, ex-officio members, and then student members. This would be reflective of the Health Council bylaws, which list staff as separate from ex-officio members, and allows for nine faculty, four professional staff, four classified staff, two graduate students, seven undergraduate students, and the ex-officio positions.

The new site allows for the posting of agendas and minutes. Ellen proposed posting these, and the Council members agreed. The agenda is to be uploaded at least a few hours prior to the meeting.

5) Next Meeting
Diane Fedorchak, head of the Public Health Promotion Center will be coming to speak to the Council for their December meeting. The presentation will include a discussion of the Basics program, as well as the entire continuum of services.

Ellen reached out to the Title IX Office to come to speak to the Council about the university's actions regarding sexual assault. She is waiting to hear back from them.

Caitlyn requested Period @UMass to speak at an upcoming meeting. SWAB may do a screening in the spring on their documentary. SGA has some things in the work, including an emergency contraceptive vending machine on campus.

6) End of Semester Meeting Date
Ellen proposed that the final meeting of the semester on December 15 be cancelled. The Council will decide at their December 1 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 PM.
Minutes prepared by Caitlyn Foster (Faculty Senate Project Assistant)